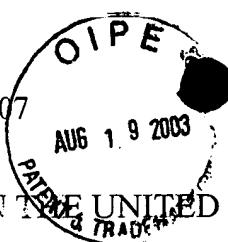


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Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continuing Examination and  
in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.114, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the  
herein contained Amendment to the claims in the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment filed under 37 C.F.R. §  
1.116 on June 19, 2003 NOT be entered.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.